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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: July 14, 1959

SUBJECT: Berlin Contingency Planning

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PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Jean-Claude Winckler, Counselor, French Embassy
Mr. Donald A. Logan, First Secretary, British Embassy
Mr. Thomas D. McKiernan, GPA

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Mr. Winckler, Mr. Logan, and Mr. McKiernan met to discuss the drafting of a second report to NATO, as had been suggested during the meeting of Mr. Murphy with Ambassadors Caccia and Alphand July 10. Following is a resume of the discussion.

Report to NATO

Mr. Winckler, Mr. Logan, and Mr. McKiernan had all reached the conclusion that there was little, if anything, which could be added at this time to the report made to the NAC on April 1, 1959. Since a report with no real content might have a negative effect, they agreed that they should recommend that a second report be deferred. Another attempt at drafting a report might be made in two or three weeks, by which time the surface access procedures paper (HERCON TRI D-2, June 29) probably will have been approved, a decision will have been taken on flight safety measures (cf. HERCON TRI D-3, July 9), the draft public statement (HERCON TRI D-1, June 16) may have been completed, and Live Oak may have submitted its recommendations on more elaborate military measures.

Surface Access Procedures

Mr. Winckler reported that the paper on identification and checkpoint procedures (HERCON TRI D-2) is now being reviewed by the French Government and that approval is expected shortly. Both he and Mr. McKiernan stressed the urgency

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of British Government approval as a basis for further planning. Mr. Logan did not know when British Government approval might be expected but said that arrangements were now being made in any case to print in London the multiple-copy movement order forms to be used in a "non-agency" situation.

Live Oak Planning

Mr. Logan reported that General Cooper, the British representative in the Live Oak staff had brought back from London on July 7 the views of the British Chief of Staff on the Live Oak paper covering "more elaborate" military measures to be taken after a change in the access situation and measures for the restoration of access. Mr. Logan also said that General Cooper expected Live Oak's report to be finished about July 21.

Measures to Assure Flight Safety

Mr. Winckler reported that the French endorse the American views expressed in BERCON TRI D-3, July 9.

Information Activity

Mr. Logan said that the British believe the only field in which we might make more progress at this time is public information. The British Embassy expects to receive from London shortly specific suggestions on this point.